It is expected that the relaxations now announced, would facilitate the establishment of new sugar units in the cooperative and public sectors in the industrially backward areas. The relaxation of the spatial distance from 40 to 25 Kms will also facilitate setting up of new units in certain areas where cane cultivation is both intensive and extensive, and enough cane is available to sustain additional units even within the radial distance of 25 Kms.

Statement-II

Names of the three proposals pending consideration under the revised Sugar Licensing Policy

	Name	Sector	Appn. No. & Date of forwarding by the Department of Industrial Development
1.	M/s The Palakonda Coop. Agri & Indl. Society Ltd., Palakonda, District Srikakulam (AP)	Coop.	1124/88/IL dated 25-8-1988.
2.	M/s. Jawahar Shetkari SSK Ltd., Hupari, Distt. Kolhapur (Maharashtra)	Coop.	582/88/IL dated 11-5-1988.
3.	M/s UP Coop Sugar Factories Federation Ltd., Baheri-Brahmnan, Tehsil-Thakurdwara, Distt. Moradabad(UP)	Coop.	1476-(88)-IL dated 13-10-1988.

Central Assistance to Maharashtra under Special Foodgrains Production Programme

577. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMARAO PATIL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of Central assistance granted to Maharashtra during the past two years i.e., in 1987-88 and 1988-89, yearwise, under Special Foodgrains Production Programme;

(b) the target fixed and achieved during the above period; year-wise;

(c) whether any target has been fixed for 1989-90 for Maharashtra; and

(d) if so, the funds earmarked as Central assistance for 1989-90 under the Special Foodgrains Production Programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) and (b) Special Foodgrain Production Programme was launched in Kharif 1988-89. The State of Maharashtra was provided an amount of Rs. 322.76 lakh during 1988-89 to achieve targetted production of 25.50 lakh tonnes of rice and 11.00 lakh tonnes of pulses. As against these targets production of rice and pulses is likely to be around 26.08 and 17.44 lakh tonnes respectively.

(c) and (d) For 1989-90 a target of 28 lakh tonnes has been fixed for rice and a target of 14.50 lakh tonnes has been fixed for pulses. A sum of Rs. 282 lakhs has been allocated to the State of Maharashtra towards 75 per cent share of Government of India. Out of this amount Rs. 240 lakhs is for rice and balance Rs. 42 lakhs is for pulses.

नई चीनी मिलों को स्थापित किया जाना

578. **श्री मीर्जा इर्शादबेग :** क्या खाद्य और नागरिक पूर्ति मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) सहकारी क्षेत्र में नई चीनी मिलें स्थापित किये जाने संबंधी कितने प्रस्ताव प्राप्त हुए हैं;